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ERIC MAYELL, checking his trumpet seedlings

Eric Mayell's Carmel Lilies

Strawberry Hill Nursery has over the years had the pleasure of introducing to the lily world a number of new and outstanding hybrids or varietal selections, the fruit of the devoted labor of distinguished amateurs. These lilies have had a warm reception and have been distributed by us all over the world. We may be forgiven for feeling some pride in this modest accomplishment.

This year in offering for the first time a full list of the superb hybrids of Eric Mayell of Carmel, Cal., we feel that our cup runneth over. These are some of the notable features of Mayell's breeding programme:

The great range covered by him in his years of careful work.

The complete objectivity with which he selected only the most beautiful and hardiest clones for further propagation.

The determination he has shown not to release anything unless it was worthy of joining the ranks of the best things of its kind already in commerce, or was better.

And, grown in the cool climate and deep soil of the Carmel River Valley, his bulbs mature with good substance and

vigor. We received over half a ton of bulbs from Eric Mayell in 1959 and marvelled at their size and obvious quality.

That he achieved his goal can be seen in the fact that, showing for the first time last year, he won many honors for his lilies both in the east at Longwood Gardens and in the west at the Seattle show.

We are grateful for the privilege of having been designated by him sole commercial distributors of his lilies and for being able to offer the following fairly extensive list of some of his very finest hybrids. The number of bulbs available in each category is naturally limited and our customers are advised to place their orders early.

ST. GEORGE TRUMPETS*

These have been selected over the years from fine specimens of *LL. sargentiae*, *sulphureum*, *centifolium* and the trumpet forms of the aurelian hybrids, carefully interbred. Plantings are rogued in the blooming season, so that colors are true, though it should be pointed out they are in various shades and that some of the more delicate shades are subject to fading in full sun, particularly the greens.

The ST. GEORGE TRUMPETS have been classified into six principal color groups but have variations in outer and throat colorings, with desirable dark or light shadings. Late June-July; 5-6'.

Whites 1 for \$1.75; 3 for \$4.80; 6 for \$9.00

Yellows 1 for \$2.00; 3 for \$5.50; 6 for \$10.50

Greens \$2.50 ea.

Pinks 1 for \$2.25; 3 for \$6.50; 6 for \$12.50

Chartreuse and chartreuse-yellow 1 for \$2.35; 3 for \$6.75; 6 for \$13.00

Apricot \$2.50 ea.

Seed white trumpets \$1.00 per pkt. All other trumpets \$1.15 per pkt.

CARMEL AURATUM

This vigorous auratum platyphyllum of standard form and coloring which we are now listing for the third year has been bred by Mayell to suit American gardening conditions. July-Aug.; 4'.

Flowering size bulbs \$1.75 ea.

Large bulbs \$2.25 ea.

Seed \$1.15 per pkt.

CARMEL AURATUM HYBRIDS*

These are a magnificent group of crosses between auratum, speciosum and rubellum, having among it auratum pictum, parkmanni, extraordinarily impressive white maculated forms, and some attractive pinks. Late June through Aug.; 4'.

L. MAID OF CARMEL*, Flattish white with faint raspberry maculation \$5.00 ea.

L. LADY CARMEL*, A large, flattish bloom suffused with delicate pink \$5.00 ea.

L. JEWELS OF CARMEL*, Parkmanni and auratum pictum types, with brilliant red shades in the petals and rays. 1 for \$4.00; 3 for \$11.50.

Mixed seed Carmel Auratum Hybrids \$1.35 per pkt.

CARMEL SPECIOSUM HYBRIDS*

The blooms are large, varying from pink through red, to deep oxblood in color. July-Aug.; 3½'. 1 for \$1.25; 3 for \$3.50; 6 for \$6.75. *Mixed seed Carmel Speciosum Hybrids \$1.25 per pkt.*

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L. MAID OF CARMEL*



ABOVE L. LADY CARMEL*

BELOW CARMEL SPECIOSUM HYBRIDS*



WESTERN NATIVE HYBRIDS*

We believe that in this field, Eric Mayell has achieved impressive departures, doing two important things: introducing new vigor and obtaining colorings and sizes of flowers superior to any hitherto realized by hybridizers of our often elusive western wildlings — though with characteristic modesty he writes us: "Those wishing to try their hand at further hybridizing of the western native lilies could not do better than obtain a bulb or two from my list which has been selected from some hundreds of crosses. Further breeding will prove well rewarding."

Mayell advises that no water be given these hybrids after blooming, allowing them to dry out as much as possible. Plant early. Blooming season June-July; 2-5'.

L. PITKINENSE HYBRIDS* *L. burbanki* x (*L. pardalinum* x *L. parryi*) crossed with the recently discovered *L. pitkinense* which imparts its vivid red to the flower. One of the lilies which won for Mayell the coveted Pierce Trophy at the N.A.L.S. 1959 show. It is very vigorous. 1 for \$1.25; 3 for \$3.50; 6 for \$6.50

L. KELLOGGI HYBRIDS* Crossing a pinkish mauve *L. kelloggii* with the yellow *L. parryi* has produced some charming pastel shades—another of the Pierce Trophy winners. 1 for \$2.50; 3 for \$7.25; 6 for \$14.25

L. PARRYI HYBRIDS* A cross of (*L. pardalinum* x *L. ocellatum*) x *L. parryi*, recrossed with *L. parryi*. This extensive interbreeding has produced a group of beautiful yellow turkscaps. 1 for \$2.50; 3 for \$7.25; 6 for \$14.25

Mixed seed of all the western hybrids
\$1.10 per pkt.

L. HENRY BOLANDER* (See front cover picture)

A hybrid between *L. pardalinum* and *L. bolanderi*, we consider this lily a triumph. The third of the Pierce Trophy winning triumvirate, it was well described by Miss Alida Livingston, the internationally known amateur, who with eighty other members of the International Lily Conference saw it in England last summer: "This wonderful hybrid, over three feet high, with many large turkscaps (noticeably larger than any Bellingham) and the most beautiful mixture of rose-crimson and Chinese red."

Flowering size \$5.00 each

General List and More Specialties

L. AMABILE LUTEUM

1 for \$1.10; 3 for \$3.00; 6 for \$5.75; 12 for \$11.25. An attractive yellow turks-cap July; 30". Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. AURATUM PLATYPHYLLUM

1 for \$1.35; 3 for \$3.85; 6 for \$7.50; 12 for \$14.80. The gold-banded lily of Japan. Aug.; 4'. Seed \$1.00 per pkt. *Auratum* seed from the New Zealand *auratum* specialist, L. Tuffery, \$2.00 per pkt.

Specialty

MARTHA MEARS' AURELIANS*



A superb Mears Cream Trumpet

We believe Mrs. Mears of Anderson, Ind., has produced as pure cream and yellow coloring in her aurelianense breeding, as well as elegance of form, as any hybridist at work today. For the third year now we offer the following choice bulbs from her prize-winning selections:

Cream trumpets \$1.50 ea.

Yellow trumpets \$2.00 ea.

Sunbursts \$2.25 ea.

Mixed seed \$1.50 per pkt.

FASHIONS IN LILIES. It pleases us to think that today the gardener has become wonderfully discriminating in his tastes. He values the martagon x hansonii, the aurelians, auratum-speciosums, and the latest western hybrids. It is thus with confidence that we can refer you to Dr. Pfeiffer's 'Terrace City' Hybrids, Martha Mears' aurelians, the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture's fine introductions and the Mayell hybrids.

L. BIG RED*

\$2.50 each. A truly striking lily propagated from a clone sent us by Mr. Tuffery of New Zealand. It has very large, bright red, reflexed flowers facing upward and outward, on stout stems. July; 4'. Seed \$1.00 per pkt.

L. CANDIDUM

The historic Madonna Lily, pure white, semi-trumpet with golden pollen and a delicate perfume. June; 4'. These lilies should be planted in August or September. We do, however, keep a supply of the bulbs in our cool store until Oct. 15.

Candidum (type) 3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.30; 12 for \$8.40. Large bulbs \$1.00 each.

Salonikae \$1.20 each. Originally collected in Greece, we believe this variety the finest of the species in commerce. Seed \$1.00 per pkt.

L. CENTIFOLIUM HYBRIDS (Strawberry Hill Strain)

A clean cut lily of standard quality; white with yellow throat, colored reverse of petals. 3 for \$1.80; 6 for \$3.35; 12 for \$6.45. Large bulbs \$1.00 each. Seed \$.50 per pkt.

L. CORONATION*

Flowering size bulbs \$1.25. A highly desirable yellow turkscap. June-July; 3'. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

STRONG BACKGROUNDS for perennial beds are provided by tall-growing lilies. With their vivid colors, mid- and late-season blooming, they are ideal for massed planting. Try Eric Mayell's Pitkinse Hybrids, Bellingham Hybrids, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture's maximo-wiczii hybrids and *L. henryi*. These are low in price, vigorous and prolific.

L. DALHANSONII*

Flowering size bulbs 1 for \$2.95; 3 for \$8.60; 6 for \$17.00; 12 for \$33.80. Large bulbs \$3.75 each. A reddish maroon L. MARTAGON X HANSONII hybrid of great vigor and beauty. June-July; 4'. Seed \$1.25 per pkt.

L. DAVIDI

A fine organey red turkscap, a beginner's must, yet the delight of the fancier. June-July; 3-4'.

Unicolor 3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.25; 12 for \$10.25. Somewhat lighter in color, almost unspotted. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

Willmottiae 3 for \$1.20; 6 for \$2.15; 12 for \$4.00. Darker in color and heavily spotted. Seed \$.50 per pkt.

Specialty

DR. PFEIFFER'S LILIES



L. TERRACE CITY HYBRIDS* (martagon x hansonii)

Large bulbs 1 for \$2.25; 3 for \$6.50; 6 for \$12.00; 12 for \$23.00. Attractive shades of gold, with petal reverses of delicate pink. June-July; 5'. Seed \$1.25 per pkt.

L. PFEIFFER HYBRIDS*

Flowering size bulbs: White with maculation \$6.00 each. Virginalae \$6.50 each. Pinks \$7.50 each. Seed \$2.50 per pkt.

L. FIRE KING*

1 for \$1.10; 3 for \$3.00; 6 for \$5.85; 12 for \$11.50. A brilliant red, reflexed English hybrid, a heavy bloomer. June; 3½'. Seed \$1.00 per pkt.

L. FORMOSANUM

Each \$.85. A white trumpet lily, delicately perfumed, from Formosa, of easy culture. Very prolific. Aug.-Sept.; 2½'. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. GOLDCREST*

Each \$2.00. A highly desirable Canadian hybrid which multiplies rapidly and whose spidery golden flowers are early. May-June; 3'. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. GREEN MT. HYBRIDS*

Flowering size 3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$8.25. Very large bulbs \$1.25 each. A large white, elegant trumpet. July; 6'. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. HANSONII

1 for \$1.25; 3 for \$3.50; 6 for \$6.50; 12 for \$12.50. A handsome, tightly reflexed yellow flower of thick texture, with small purple marking; likes slight shade. June; 4'.

L. HENRYI

Asiatic turkscap of yellow to orange, very floriferous and tall growing. Aug.; 7'.

Henryi (type) 3 for \$1.65; 6 for \$3.15; 12 for \$6.00. Orange with green nectaries. Give it slight shade.
Seed \$1.50 per pkt.

Citrinum Each \$3.00. A clear lemon yellow. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

Erecta Each \$1.00. A stiffer stem and much erecter bearing than the type, and flowers clearer colored. Extremely sturdy.
Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE*

1 for \$2.75; 3 for \$8.00; 6 for \$15.75; 12 for \$31.00. The great L. MARTAGON X HANSONII hybrid; yellow, pink flushed and purple spotted. June; 6'.
Seed \$1.25 per pkt.

L. PARKMANII JILLIAN WALLACE*

Flowering size \$5.50. This L. SPECIOSUM X L. AURATUM hybrid has had world acclaim for its vivid red, flat, flaring flower. Aug.; 5'. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

L. PRINCEPS*

3 for \$1.75; 6 for \$3.25; 12 for \$6.25. Very large bulbs \$1.25 each. A dependable white trumpet of mixed bloods. July; 6'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

CAGES FOR LILY BULBS. Troubled with moles, gophers, squirrels and the like? Try our wire cages, each taking four medium sized bulbs, made of stout $\frac{3}{4}$ " wire mesh, lasting indefinitely. 3 for \$4.50 postpaid.

Specialty DR. SKINNER'S INTRODUCTIONS

This noted Canadian hybridist's lilies are world famous.

L. AMARYLLIS*

Small bulbs \$1.50 each. Large bulbs \$2.15 each. Flaring, pale red amaryllis colored flowers. July; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. AZALEA*

3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.25; 12 for \$10.25. An angular, azalea-pink, cupshaped, attractive lily. July; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. GLOW*

3 for \$2.00; 6 for \$3.75; 12 for \$7.25. A rosy, upward facing little lily of strong constitution. June-July; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. LEMON LADY*

Small bulbs \$1.50 each. Large bulbs \$3.75 each. An unusually

beautiful yellow turkscap. June-July; 3'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. MARGARET JOHNSON*

1 for \$1.10; 3 for \$3.00; 6 for \$5.75; 12 for \$11.25. A gay salmon colored lily with heavily marked reflexed blooms. July; 4'.
Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. MARTAGON X HANSONII HYBRIDS*

Small bulbs \$1.10 each; large bulbs \$2.50 each. The tight little turkscap flowers vary from lavender to reddish yellow. June; 4'.
Seed \$1.00 per pkt.

L. SCOTTIAE*

Each \$1.50. Named in honor of his mother by Dr. Skinner, it is a brilliant, orange reflexed lily of great vigor and substance. June; 2½'.
Seed \$.75 per pkt.

Specialty

ALIDA LIVINGSTON'S LILIES

We are happy to be able to continue to offer a selection of lilies from the gardens of this internationally known amateur.

L. AURATUM PLATYPHYLLUM

Flowering size bulbs \$2.50 each. Large bulbs \$5.00 each. The plant is impressive for size and the quality of its inflorescence. Aug.; 4-6'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. SPECIOSUM RUBRUM

\$1.75 each. One of the most desirable selections of the species, with large, crimson reflexed flowers. Aug.; 6'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. TSINGTAUENSE

\$1.50 each. An angular shaped, semi-reflexed, brilliant orange red lily from Asia. June-July; 4'.
Seed \$1.00 per pkt.

L. REGALE HYBRIDS*

Flowering size 3 for \$1.00; 6 for \$1.50; 12 for \$2.50. Large bulbs 3 for \$2.50; 6 for \$4.50; 12 for \$8.50. Very large bulbs \$1.10 each. This is the familiar large white trumpet of midsummer. June-July; 7'. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

L. SARGENTIAE HYBRIDS*

Each \$2.00. A stylish white trumpet. July; 5-6'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. SPECIOSUM

The sharply reflexed, heavily marked, exotic looking lily from Japan, with varieties from pure white to pink to dark red.

Album Each \$1.50. Ours is a special clone developed in California and found to be of outstanding quality. Aug.-Sept.; 3'.

Rubrum 3 for \$2.95; 6 for \$5.75; 12 for \$11.00. Pinks and reds of many bloodlines. Aug.; 4'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. SPECIOSUM

See also Alida Livingston's L. SPECIOSUM RUBRUM and Mayell's SPECIOSUM HYBS.

L. SUTTON COURT*

Flowering size bulbs 1 for \$1.75; 3 for \$5.00; 6 for \$9.75; 12 for \$19.25. Large bulbs \$2.75 each. A beautiful sister seedling of L. MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. T. A. HAVEMEYER*

Large bulbs \$5.00 each. A flaring, per-simmon yellow flower. Aug.; 3½'. *Seed \$1.10 per pkt.*

L. THUNBERGIANUM ORANGE KING*

3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$8.25. Cupshaped orange lily; extremely vigorous and showy. June-July; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

Specialty

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE INTRODUCTIONS

L. POTOMAC HYBRIDS*

Each \$5.00. This striking AURATUM X SPECIOSUM cross has an immense speciosum rubrum-like flower. July-Aug.; 5'. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

MAXIMOWICZII HYBRIDS*

Each \$.85. These are a distinct improvement on L. MAXIMOWICZII WADII. The flowers are larger, ranging from a light orange red to brilliant red and the blooming period is from July to late Aug.; 3-7'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

The following are the offspring of L. BRENDA WATTS by a yellow L. UMBELLATUM; reflexed and upward and outward facing.

L. BRANDYWINE*

Each \$1.50. Light, yellowish orange. June; 2-3'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. CAVALIER*

Each \$1.50. Flowers more yellowish. June; 2½-3½'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. MEGA*

\$2.00 each. Canary yellow flowers with reddish reverse of petals. July; 2-3'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. MOUNTAINEER*

3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.25; 12 for \$10.25. Brilliant red, vivid in its appeal. July; 3'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

THE TETRAPLOID LONGIFLORUMS



One of several of the Tetraploid Longiflorum Clones

We are privileged to be one of the co-operators with the U. S. Dept. of Agric. in their successive release of new tetraploid varieties of *L. longiflorum* and to be able to make them available to our customers in increasing quantities and at steadily reduced prices. Tetraploidy which involves a doubling of the chromosomes of the cells of the plant has produced magnificent results in the case of these new lilies which have been selectively bred over several generations. The flowers are larger, in some cases up to 7" long, with an open spread almost equal to the length. The petals are thick, closely resembling white kid, and the foliage has good substance. They bloom in July and have proved hardy at -20°. Tested for two years at Strawberry Hill, we found them one of the most impressive new introductions of recent years. \$3.00 ea.

L. TSINGTAUENSE

1 for \$1.15; 3 for \$3.20; 6 for \$6.25; 12 for \$12.00. A glistening, orange red cup-shaped flower, with angular petals, and glistening, deep green foliage. July; 3'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. UMBELLATUM

A thrifty, upward facing, cupshaped lily of many colors, a garden standby. June-July; 3'.

Umbellatum x Davidi Hybrids* Each \$1.50. Red flowers upward and outward facing; a pleasing novelty. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

Umbellatum x Davidi x Tigrinum Hybrids* Per dozen \$5.00. All colors, from buffy orange to red; flowers pendant or outward facing. Excellent for cutting. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

Umbellatum Erectum 3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.00; 12 for \$7.50. Brilliant red. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

Umbellatum Variegated* 3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.00; 12 for \$7.50. Mixed colors. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

American Species

L. BELLINGHAM HYBRIDS 4529*

Each \$1.00. Recently introduced by Oregon State Agricultural College, these are crosses of several western species and are vigorous, reflexed lilies of various combinations of yellow, orange and red, but have small maculation and the colors are soft and more blended. July; 5'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. BOLANDERI

Each \$4.75. A native of the Siskiyou on the Cal.-Oregon boundary; bell shaped red flowers; July; 3'. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

(See also *Eric Mayell's*

L. HENRY BOLANDER)

L. BURBANKI*

Each \$1.25. Saffron yellow and red turks-cap. July; 2'.

L. CANADENSE FLAVUM

3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$8.25. Our eastern yellow Meadow Lily. June-July; 4'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. CANADENSE RUBRUM

Each \$2.75. The brilliant red form is one of our most beautiful native American lilies, now becoming rare. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

L. GRAYI

Four year old bulbs \$1.00 each. Large bulbs \$1.75 each. One of the daintiest of the eastern species, bell shaped, blood red flowers. June; 3'.

L. HARRISIANUM

3 for \$1.50; 6 for \$2.75; 12 for \$5.00. A heavily spotted, brilliant red and yellow reflexed lily once identified as L. PARDALINUM GIGANTEUM and believed to be a natural hybrid, but now reclassified as a species by the distinguished Pacific Coast taxonomist, Lawrence Beane, and renamed. July; 6'. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

L. HUMBOLDTII VAR. OCELLATUM

Large bulbs \$3.75 each. This denizen of Southern California bears many reflexed flowers of glistening orange, heavily spotted. June-July; 6'.

L. KELLOGGII

Each \$4.75. A western reflexed lily of white and purple, becoming rare. June; 2½'. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

(See also *Eric Mayell's*

L. KELLOGGII HYBRIDS)

L. MARITIMUM

Each \$4.75. A dark, reddish orange bell-shaped little beauty from middle California. July; 18"-3'.

L. MICHIGANENSE

3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.00; 12 for \$9.00. Very large bulbs \$1.75 each. A handsome turks-cap of flushed red, orange and yellow in blend. July; 7'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. OCCIDENTALE

Each \$4.75. A crimson and orange turks-cap of the California marshes and bogs. July; 3'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. PARRYI

1 for \$2.75; 3 for \$8.00; 6 for \$15.50; 12 for \$30.00. An aristocrat among the western American species, with pure Chinese yellow, fragrant, semi-trumpet flowers. June; 2½'. (See also *Eric Mayell's* L. PARRYI HYBRIDS.)

AN INVITATION TO SPENDTHRIFTS

When you buy an expensive lily bulb, buy two of that variety if possible. If you buy two you can propagate one, which is a form of insurance against loss if you only buy one and it refuses to like you on first acquaintance. By scaling the extra bulb, in time you can have quite a few bulbs of the variety. How do you think we stay in business? By propagating our stock. Ask us and we'll tell you how to propagate lilies by scaling.

L. PHILADELPHICUM

3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$8.25. A heavily spotted, red, upright cupshaped specimen, best naturalized in a dry, sandy, acid soil amidst native grasses. Broadcast a pinch of seed every year. July; 2'. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. PITKINENSE

Each \$5.00. First classified by Dr. Albert Vollmer, a western specialist, and Lawrence Beane in 1954, they called this extremely rare semi-reflexed red and yellow lily which turns entirely crimson as it matures, "the most exciting find in our entire field research." July; 2½'. (See also Eric Mayell's L. PITKINENSE HYBRIDS.)



L. SUPERBUM, our appealing northeastern native

L. SUPERBUM

3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$8.25. Very large bulbs \$1.75 each. A red and yellow turkscape of the northeast. July; 8'. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. WASHINGTONIANUM PURPURESCENS

Large bulbs \$5.00 each. An enchanting Californian-Oregonian, white semi-trumpet, turning lilac to lavender after opening. June-July; 3'.

Lily Seed

An ideal and inexpensive way to grow lilies is from seed. It results in vigorous stock, and in the case of hybrids (marked * in the lists above) you may get something new and perhaps valuable. Our seed is hand pollinated. Minimum orders for seed alone are \$2.50. With each shipment of seed comes a leaflet prepared by the North American Lily Society telling how to grow them. — Which leads us to urge our customers to become members of the N.A.L.S. The Society's

Year Book, newsletters, round robins and seed exchange are extremely valuable. We will be glad to send you an application blank and sponsor your membership.

Books

We offer the following valuable works on lilies:

By two of America's leading specialists — Dr. George L. Slate's "Lilies for American Gardens," \$5.00; Edgar L. Kline's "Reference Chart of Lilies for Garden and Greenhouse," \$1.00.

By international authorities — L. Tuffery's "Lilies are Easy," \$1.00; Woodcock & Stearn's "Lilies of the World," \$8.25; Alice C. Maxwell's "Lilies in Their Homes," \$3.50.

Attention

We would draw our customers' attention to the fact that unless they specify otherwise when ordering lily bulbs, we will substitute a variety of greater price where we are unable for any reason to supply the specific item requested; or if we are unable to supply the larger sizes of a desired variety, we will send two or more smaller bulbs for the same price.

CANADIAN CUSTOMERS: *We facilitate you on all import matters as soon as we receive your order.*

All lily bulbs are sent postpaid, but in view of high packaging and postal costs, on all orders under \$2.50 remittance should include an additional 50¢ to cover handling. Where transportation is west of the Mississippi, 50¢ should be added to help defray postal charges.

Unit prices quoted apply where the order goes to one customer. If a unit is to be divided and sent to different addresses, include 50¢ to defray postal costs for each additional package.

WHY GROW our western native lily species? Most species from the mountains and valleys of California, Oregon and Washington are far from easy. But because they are extremely beautiful and are a challenge to your gardening skill, the day comes when you feel you just *must* grow them. In the meantime, try Eric Mayell's magnificent western hybrids—they are much easier, besides providing some glorious new colorings and variations in form.



One of our 2 yr. old
CAMELLIA JAPONICAS in bloom

Our Hardy Camellias

In 1928 the late Dr. P. W. Zimmerman, horticultral geneticist of the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research at Yonkers, N. Y., began a research programme in the hardiness of camellias that continued to within a few years of his death in 1958. The varieties he selected and the seedlings from his own hybridizing were subjected to cold-toleration tests as far north as Westchester Co., N. Y.

Many of the plants he distributed in that area are today growing vigorously and producing magnificent flowers out of doors with no special protection, having taken many winters of sub-zero temperatures in their stride. We were fortunate in obtaining from Dr. Zimmerman cuttings from these plants and per-

mission to place them in commerce. Since 1957 we have distributed them widely over the northern sections of the country, and they have proved very popular.

These hardy camellias have, indeed, proved so popular that for the last two years we have been hard pressed to propagate them fast enough. Remember that our camellias are all grown as rooted cuttings, a slow process but one which assures the transmission of the characteristic of hardiness for which Dr. Zimmerman originally selected their parents.

We guarantee these descendents of the Zimmerman selections to be cold-tolerant as far north as Philadelphia and will refund the price of any plant which does not thrive in the given latitude within 12 months after purchase. We know, however, that they will do well out of doors a hundred or more miles further north because, in fact, plantings of them are found to be flourishing in that latitude. If you live where extremely low winter temperatures prevail, these camellias will thrive as house plants and can be set out of doors in their pots from June to September. They are, of course, ideal subjects for the cool greenhouse. Indoors or out, their dark green foliage, glossy and substantial, is extremely decorative, and their exquisite flowers in early spring need no praise from us.

Plants are shipped between May 15 and July 15 in tar paper or plastic pots from which they can easily be transferred to clay pots or to the open ground. Each order is accompanied by a supply of our own special camellia fertilizer and detailed cultural directions. Our camellias offer an exciting adventure in gardening for those who have long believed that the camellia could only be grown out of doors in the south. We offer the following choice varieties of *Camellia japonica*.

DIXIE A full double, light pink. 6-12" \$2.00; 12-18" \$2.75; 18-24" \$3.75

KUMASAKA (Lady Marion) Large double pink. 6-12" \$3.75; 12-18" \$4.75; 18-24" \$5.75

PAGE Semi-double pink. 6-12" \$2.00; 12-18" \$2.75; 18-24" \$3.75

REV. JOHN BENNETT Semi-double red. 6-12" \$3.75; 12-18" \$4.75

Prices are postpaid. Our special camellia fertilizer \$1.00 per lb.; 5 lbs. for \$4.50 pp.



LUCIE BALTET, *probably the truest pink among the French hybrids*

Our Lilac List

Due to the death of E. A. Upton, America's most distinguished lilac specialist of his day, the Upton Nursery Co. of Goodrich, Mich., have sold to us, from their large collection of lilacs, their entire stock of a number of varieties not included in their regular catalogue listings. They have made an announcement to this effect this spring. We consider it a signal honor to be chosen by the Upton Nursery Co., long noted for their high standing in the lilac world, to take over this material. A few of the varieties we have obtained from them are listed in these pages. Others will appear in our catalogues from time to time.

A reference to our catalogue in *The New Yorker* magazine last year, indicating that we specialize in lilac walks, led

to many inquiries on how to go about making them. If *you* are contemplating a lilac walk—no garden project could assure you more lasting pleasure over the years—and you want to write us about it, please be sure to tell us: how large a plot you have in mind; whether there are any large trees nearby; what its exposure is; how much sun the plot gets during the day; and the character of the soil and drainage. This information will enable us to give you the information you want. If you would like us to examine the site and plan and install your lilac walk, and you are within 150 miles of Rhinebeck, N. Y., we would be glad to undertake it. Write us and we will tell you about the necessary arrangements and cost.

French Hybrids and Some Others

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

ALICE HARDING A Lemoine double white of peerless quality, introduced in 1938, commemorating Mrs. Edward Harding, a gifted American amateur gardener-horticulturist, author of the book, "Lilacs in My Garden."

\$3.75 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

BELLE DE NANCY A double pink which nearly 70 years after its introduction by Lemoine is still a favorite.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75

BLEUATRE A single blue of fresh coloring. Introduced before 1897 by the Baltet Nursery of Troyes, France.

\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25

BUFFON An early single pink French hybrid of great vigor. It commemorates a famous French naturalist. Lemoine introduction, 1921.

\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

CAPITAINE BALTET One of the most attractive of the single purple and reddish-pink varieties, having large flower panicles. Introduced by Lemoine in 1919 to honor Captain Lucien Baltet, son of Charles Baltet of the Baltet Nursery.

\$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.25 ... \$4.75

CONDORCET Deep reddish-purple double flowers in handsome, graceful thyrses. A slow grower and not a very large bush but compact and thrifty. It is now sixty years since it was introduced by Lemoine and commemorates that noted figure of the French Revolution.

\$3.00 ... \$3.50

CONGO A single reddish purple. The bush grows rather slowly and its stocky. A Lemoine introduction of 1888.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

DIPLOMATE For more than half a century this Lemoine double blue has maintained its status as a lilac of quality.

\$4.00

EMILE GENTIL A Lemoine double blue dating from 1915 but still holding its place among the 100 recommended in "Lilacs for America."

\$4.00 ... \$4.50

GEORGES BELLAIR One of the truly satisfying double wine-reds, maturing quickly, flowering freely and making a large, handsome bush. A Lemoine introduction of 1900, honoring a one-time director of the Park of Versailles of France.

\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.25

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

GERTRUDE LESLIE

An important new lilac

We test any lilac novelty for a number of years before deciding on its quality and value. And we recommend it to our customers only if we are convinced that it is outstanding. Such a lilac is the Canadian hybridist, Dr. F. L. Skinner's GERTRUDE LESLIE. This is a very early double white. It blooms the first week of May, and its heavy thyrses of closely packed, feathery, white florets are most attractive. The bush is extremely vigorous. We have propagated it at Strawberry Hill. Our bushes are on their own roots and are a highly desirable addition to the lilac list. 2-3'.

\$5.00 EACH.

GISMONDA A fine reddish purple double, a comparative novelty of Lemoine's — 1939.

\$4.00 ... \$4.50 ... \$4.75

HIPPOLYTE MARINGER A double, variegated purple of great quality. Lemoine, 1919.

\$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

HUGO KOSTER An attractive single, having a lilac-colored floret, and its thrifty habits of growth make this variety desirable in any representative planting.

\$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25 ... \$4.75

JEANNE D'ARC A double creamy white of great beauty. Lemoine, 1902.

\$3.75 ... \$4.75

JULES FERRY A double, it was best described by one of America's leading lilac experts as having "long, large clusters of silvery mauve florets with rose-red buds." A 1907 Lemoine introduction named after a 19th Century premier of France.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25

KATHERINE HAVEMEYER A double, pink to opalescent in color. A rich and handsome lilac. It was named by the Lemoines to honor the wife of T. A. Havemeyer, noted American horticulturist and lilac hybridizer.

\$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.50 ... \$4.75

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

LAMARTINE A single of delicate lavender with early blooming and rapid growth characteristics. Its name commemorates a poet-immortal of France. Lemoine, 1911.

\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00

LAVOISIER An old time single pink (Lemoine, 1913) commemorating a great French physicist. We like it despite the fact that it is now out of fashion.

\$3.00 ... \$3.75

LEON GAMBETTA This lilac colored double, a Lemoine introduction of 1907, still holds its high place. The name is that of the famous 19th Century French statesman.

\$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

L'ONCLE TOM One of the earliest Twentieth Century dark single purples to be introduced by the Lemoines.

\$3.75

LUCIE BALTET The first among the true pinks in lilacs, a single that blooms early in life and asks for little pampering. It is seventy years since the Baltets introduced it.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00

LUDWIG SPAETH A burgundy colored single which found its way from the Ludwig Spaeth Nursery of Berlin seventy-five years ago and today still tops the list in its classification.

\$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50 ... \$4.75

MACROSTACHYA This exquisite single pink is still a favorite garden subject almost 125 years after its origination in France.

\$4.00

MARECHAL FOCH A single reddish purple, nobly commemorating the commander of the allied forces in World War I. Lemoine, 1924.

\$4.75

MARECHAL LANNES A fine double blue, named fifty years ago in honor of another marshal of France.

\$4.00

MARENGO A lilac colored Lemoine single dating to 1923, commemorating the battle of Marengo of the Napoleonic wars.

\$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25

MME. ANTOINE BUCHNER Soft rose-lavender double florets on foot-long trusses give this tall-growing bush unusual distinction. It was introduced by Lemoine in 1909 to honor the wife of a noted German horticulturist.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

MME. CASIMIR PERIER One of the best double whites. An 1894 Lemoine introduction, it honored the widow of a president of France.

\$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25 ... \$4.75

MME. FRANCISQUE MOREL The large single florets of lavender-pink of this variety set off the tall bush. Introduced in 1892.

\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00

MME. LEMOINE Another of the double whites of highest quality, with double-tipped snowy thyrses. A Lemoine introduction of 1890.

\$3.25 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.25 ... \$4.75

MONT BLANC As white as the summit of the famous mountain after which it was named in 1915 by Lemoine are the trusses of large single florets of this strong-growing and impressive lilac.

\$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.25 ... \$4.75

MRS. EDWARD HARDING Double, claret-colored and pink-stained florets in large clusters that last well. Introduced in 1922 by Lemoine.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50



ON BEING ANNOYED. The longer we grow lilacs, and we've been growing them for a long time, the more annoyed we become with those who insist that a grafted bush is as good as any. We have a few grafted bushes on the place, bushes not on their own roots, to show visitors what to avoid in buying lilacs. The photo above is a picture of death—graft blast at the joint between the understock and the scion has finished that bush.—What is that about a word to the wise being sufficient? *Buy only lilac bushes on their own roots such as ours.*

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

MRS. W. E. MARSHALL A single dark purple originated by that great American plantsman, T. A. Havemeyer, and introduced in 1924.

\$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25 ... \$4.75

PRES. FALLIERES A pink double with white-mauve at the center. Named after a president of France, Lemoine, 1911.

\$3.75 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50 ... \$4.75

PRES. GREVY One of the earliest and heaviest bloomers of the French hybrids, it has large, compact thyrses of double blue flowers. Lemoine, 1886; the name commemorates a president of France.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

PRES. LINCOLN This most vigorous of lilacs, having cool silver-blue, medium sized single florets and thyrses, has achieved well-merited popularity since it was introduced in 1916 by the American horticulturist John Dunbar.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

PRES. POINCARÉ A double with a color range of red to violet to mauve. "Magnificent," is what one expert has said of this lilac which honors a World War I French president. Lemoine, 1913.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25 ... \$4.75

REAUMUR A single, with purplish-red florets that also have violet tints. The bush is tall and strong. A Lemoine introduction of 1904, named for a noted 18th Century French physicist.

\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

RENE JARRY DESLOGES Another of the fine Lemoine double blues, moving into its second half century of popularity with lilac growers.

\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00

SWARTHMORE An early lilac colored double introduced by Dr. Skinner of Canada in 1954, honoring Swarthmore.

\$4.00

WE HAVE 50 OR MORE other varieties of lilacs besides those listed in our Catalogue, but in smaller numbers. Write us if you are looking for a special lilac. We may have it.

We also have quite a few extra fine specimens of many varieties, 6' or taller. Prices on application.

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

SYRINGA PERSICA Very pale pink single florets in open sprays on slender spreading stems—this is the Persian lilac which is native from Persia to China and was introduced to the west in 1640.

\$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00

VESTALE A single white, having perfectly proportioned florets; a bush which is strong and has clean lines. Lemoine, 1910.

\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00

VICTOR LEMOINE A pink and blue double of outstanding appearance. A 1906 introduction of Lemoine.

\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.75

WHITE SWAN A superb single white, a T. A. Havemeyer origination, 1943.

\$4.50 ... \$4.75

IF YOU WERE to ask us to suggest a dozen lilac varieties for one who has never grown lilacs to any great extent before, we would pick them with two thoughts in mind: the most beautiful which are at the same time the fastest growing and the most vigorous. Having had a lifetime of experience with lilacs, we have no fear but that the following twelve will make a superb small selection, providing fine full range of color and form and abundant flowering: **GEORGES BELLAIR** double wine red; **JULES FERRY** double mauve; **LAMARTINE** single lavender; **LUCIE BALTET** single pink; **MME. CASIMIR PERIER** double white; **MME. FRANCISQUE MOREL** single lavender-pink; **MONGE** single dark purple; **MRS. EDW. HARDING** double claret; **PRES. LINCOLN** single blue; **REAUMUR** single purple; **SYR. VULGARIS** single lilac; **SYR. VULGARIS ALBA** single white.

Species and Botanical Varieties

GROUP VULGARES

SYR. OBLATA DILATATA This pink to bluish single has proved a sturdy parent for some of the finest hybrids and is a handsome shrub in its own right. Introduced from Korea in 1917.

\$3.50

SYR. VELUTINA (PALIB.) A double pink introduced from Korea in 1910, for those who want something unusual in lilacs.

\$4.00 ... \$4.25 ... \$4.75

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

SYR. VULGARIS The common lilac of the countryside, still one of the most beautiful of them all. A single.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50

SYR. VULGARIS ALBA The white form, with its small, delicate florets. A single.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50

GROUP VILLOSAE

SYR. YUNNANENSIS The Yunnan Lilac, introduced from China in 1908, a single white with tiny tubular florets.

\$4.00 ... \$4.50

A Group of Early Varieties

The five varieties listed below, with their names reminiscent of colonial America, are early blooming hybrids of *oblata dilatata* by *S. vulgaris*. They were bred and introduced in 1935 by Dr. F. L. Skinner, a leading Canadian hybridist and nurseryman. They take extreme cold, make large, well-proportioned bushes which flower profusely. The foliage is handsome and the flowers not unlike the French hybrids although growing in looser clusters.

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

ASSESSIPPI Single, purple.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

EVANGELINE Double, lavender.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

MINNEHAHA Single, purple.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

NOKOMIS Single, light lavender.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

POCAHONTAS Single, deep purple.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

Some Late Varieties

The varieties listed under this heading are species hybrids of the *villosae* group, with single florets like tiny tubular trumpets and foliage unlike that which we usually associate with lilacs. The leaves are bright green, heavily veined and crinkled. The colorings of the florets are

soft and subtle and pastel-like. Because they bloom well into June, after the French hybrids are gone, they agreeably extend the lilac season. The bushes are thickly branched and fast and tall-growing and are easily kept to well proportioned shape. They are thus ideally suited for hedges, looking very attractive even in winter, but also make extremely handsome specimen plants.

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

BELLICENT A single pink. Originated by Miss Isabella Preston, a leading Canadian hybridist, it is a member of a new race of lilacs created by her in the 1920s and known as *Syringa prestoniae*.

\$4.75

FOUNTAIN Single pink. Another *prestoniae*.

\$4.75 ... \$5.00

ISABELLA A very desirable single pink—a *prestoniae*.

\$3.75

NOCTURNE An unusual single blue, also a *prestoniae*.

\$3.75

ROYALTY Single, deep purple. A *S. josikali* hybrid, particularly desirable for the richness of its coloring.

\$4.00 ... \$4.50 ... \$4.75 ... \$5.00 ... \$5.75

Note

Unless a customer specifies otherwise we will substitute a nearly similar lilac where we are for any reason unable to supply the variety ordered.

If the substituted variety is higher in price, no extra charge will be made. If it is lower in price, the necessary refund will be made.

Plants are shipped express collect in sizes above 24", otherwise parcel post prepaid.

We recommend the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboretums' Lilac Survey, "Lilacs for America," as the best reference manual. It can be obtained from us for \$1.00.

HALE AND FAREWELL PEONIES

It is with regret we announce the discontinuance of peonies—for they are among our favorite flowers and we would like to see them in every garden. However, what with the expansion of our lily, lilac and hardy camellia lists we are compelled to face realities.—These are labor shortages and the increasing demands on our time for the maintenance of an ever more extensive correspondence with our customers. (We would rather be helpful to gardeners with their problems, we sometimes think, than going all out for increasing our balance at the bank. Never mind, we really find that correspondence rewarding; please continue to write us when the bugs bite your plants or you just want to exchange ideas

about the relative value of a species as against a hybrid—or on any of the problems of growing the plants we sell.)

So... we are closing out our beautiful peonies, leaving only a few for our own garden. Here is your chance for a wonderful bargain. You can have 10 fine divisions of various colors, each a different variety, singles and doubles, each with five eyes or more, for \$4.75 postpaid anywhere in the U.S., save Alaska and Hawaii. They will be unlabelled, but the quality will be there. You can now have a splendid peony planting for a pittance. Please order early for September delivery.

And so... hale and farewell peonies!

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The basic content of our catalogue remains unchanged from year to year. It lists the best things which are staples—the lilies, lilacs and camellias which have proved their value. To save the high cost involved in having an annual catalogue printed and to apply such saving both for the reduction of prices and increasing the service we can render our customers, we have decided to issue a new catalogue only every two years. And on alternate years we will send you a single page announcement of the newer things we are able to bring you, to help you make your garden outstanding—the

new lily hybrids which have been developed; the novelty lilacs which we have tested and found outstanding; further additions to our list of hardy camellias which have proved themselves extra vigorous as well as cold tolerant. We believe you will find these in-between-year announcements stimulating and exciting. They will keep you in the mainstream of what is happening in the field of our specialties. And should you mislay our catalogue to which you will constantly wish to refer to for the staples, a postcard will bring you another copy.

Strawberry Hill Warranty

We guarantee that our nursery stock will reach you in perfect condition, freshly dug, true to name and of excellent quality. If for any reason you are dissatisfied with it, you are authorized to return it to us at our expense immediately on arrival. Your money will be refunded or new stock sent you, as you choose.

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